

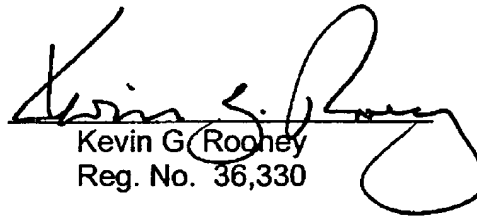
**REMARKS**

As stated in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed December 1, 2005, this Preliminary Amendment more fully claims the invention and places the claims into a more appropriate U.S. format. Applicants respectfully request early and favorable examination on the merits.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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